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SUBJECT: U.S.-SPAIN JOINT COMMITTEE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY:

STATUS REPORT.

- 1. MINUTES OF MEETING OF MAY 16: COMMITTEE SECRETARY BENAVIDES ON JUNE 8 GAVE EMBOFF COPY OF THE MINUTES HE PREPARED BASED ON OUR DRAFT MINUTES AND HIS NOTES. THESE WILL HAVE TO BE CHECKED AGAINST OUR DRAFT. IF THERE ARE NO DISCREPANCIES, FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL PREPARE OFFICIAL COPIES FOR SIGNATURE BY CO-CHAIRPERSONS. AN ENGLISH TRANSLATION WILL HAVE TO BE MADE, ALSO FOR JOINT SIGNING.
- 2. INSTRUMENT OF OBLIGATION FOR FIFTH TRANCHE: TWO COPIES SIGNED BY SPANISH CO-CHAIRMAN WERE POUCHED THIS WEEK TO OES FOR SIGNATURE BY U.S. CO-CHAIRPERSON, ASST. SECRETARY MINK
- 3. COOPERATIVE RESEARCH PROPOSALS: 52 PROPOSALS WERE TRANSMITTED TO EMBASSY AND ARE BEING POUCHED TO OES. SPANISH RATINGS OF THESE WILL BE SENT TO EMBASSY BY JUNE 16 AS PROMISED BY SPANISH MAY 16, AND THESE WILL BE SENT TO OES IMMEDIATELY ON RECEIPT. A MAJOR CHANGE IN THE SPANISH RATING SYSTEM AND THEIR PREFERRED ALLOCATION OF FUNDS WITHIN THE 85 PERCENT TOTAL ALLOCATION AGREED TO ON MAY 16 UNCLASSIFIED

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IS REPORTED SEPTEL.

4. JOINT STAFF FOR E & C AND S & T SECRETARIATS:
A STAFFING PLAN HAS BEEN COMPLETED BY EMBASSY OFFICERS
AFTER EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH SPANISH PERMANENT SECRETARY
OF THE COUNCIL AND REPS OF THE TWO COMMITTEES. STAFF AND
OPERATIONS BUDGET CANNOT BE DETERMINED UNTIL THE ISSUES RAISED

IN MADRID 4319 ARE RESOLVED, BUT OES IN COORDINATION WITH CU SHOULD BE PREPARED TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO EMBASSY ACCOUNT FOR ALL OR PART OF STAFF SALARIES ON EMBASSY REQUEST.

5. 1970 AGREEMENT: A) NSF INTERIM REPORT WAS
DELIVERED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY WITH LETTER EXPLAINING
STEPS REQUIRED BEFORE FINAL REPORT CAN BE PREPARED
(COPY MAILED TO OES). B) FOLLOWING MEETING OF SCIATT
WITH SPANISH ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COORDINATOR JUNE 3,
LATTER HAS WRITTEN FOREIGN MINISTRY OF HIS DECISIONS
ON USE OF REMNANT FUNDS. C) FOREIGN MINISTRY RECOMMENDS
FOR DEPARTMENT AND NSF CONSIDERATION THAT, IN ABSENCE
OF NSF PLANS FOR USE OF REMNANT PD AND C FUNDS,
THESE BE ADDED TO ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH BALANCE IN
ORDER TO OBLIGATE ALL 1970 REMNANT FUNDS AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE. D) FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS BEEN ASSURED BY
MIN. EDUCATION THAT ITS PROPOSAL FOR REPROGRAMMING IS
READY AND WILL BE TRANSMITTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS.STABLER

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